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## Voters Return Incumbents to Office

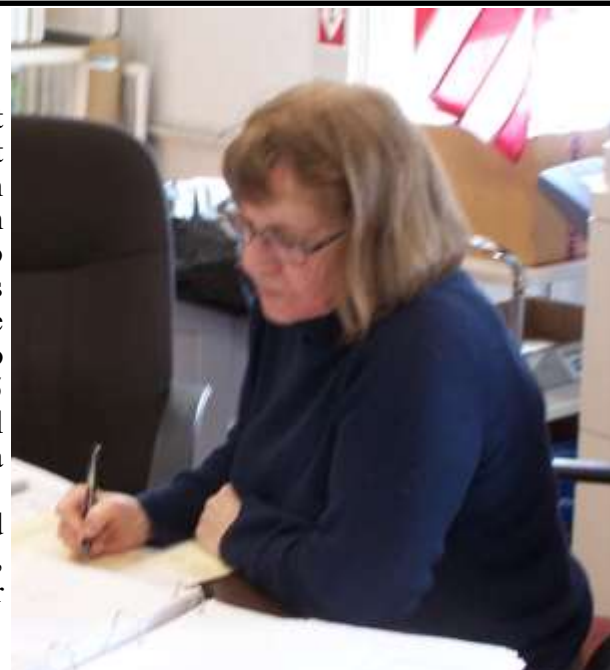
(Lamoine) - Typically turnout is relatively low for municipal elections, especially those with few contested races and minimal campaigning. Such was the case March 19th for Lamoine's annual town officers election. The only contested race was for the Board of Selectmen where Bob Christie and Kathleen Rybarz ran for re-election and Glenn Manring submitted nomination signature to appear on the ballot. The race drew 267-voters for the day, just under 18% turnout. When the votes were counted that night, Christie had 203 votes, Rybarz 145 and Manring 108, thus returning the incumbents as Selectmen for another three years.

The School Committee race was uncontested, with current chair Brett Jones and Bob Pulver both seeking re-election. Jones had 214 votes and Pulver 202 to earn another three years as school board members.

The Assessor's race turned out to be the cliff hanger, as current Assessor Jane Fowler opted not to run again in anticipation of retiring when her term expired on June 30, 2019. No one else submitted nomination papers either, so it came down to who got the most write in votes. There was no campaign at all. Fowler received 5 write-ins. Former Assessor Michael Jordan got 4. Several others garnered a vote or two.

Mrs. Fowler, who has served for many years as an elected Assessor, has agreed to take the post for a 3-year term.

Selectmen hope to meet with the assessors in the next few weeks to discuss the future of the elected Board of Assessors as no one has run for the office for the past two years.



*Assessor Jane Fowler works to update property records following a write-in reelection.*

## A Bright Future is Now at Town Office Building

(Lamoine) - The lights seem a lot brighter at the Lamoine Town Hall following a conversion to LED lighting during the winter months. Selectmen took advantage of a conversion program through Efficiency Maine to replace the old fluorescent light tubes with new fixtures of LED lights. Gilman Electric and electrician Arthur Ashmore combined to make the change over in February, saving the town 75% on the cost of purchasing and installing the new fixtures.

Besides brighter lights, the move is expected to save hundreds of dollars a year on electricity costs. The town had yet to receive the power bill for the month following installation, so it's difficult to determine how much less the LED lights cost. The building is definitely brighter, though. Staff members were pleased at the elimination of the frequently burning out fluorescent tubes which required a ladder to replace when they burned out. The new LED lights are expected to last for decades.

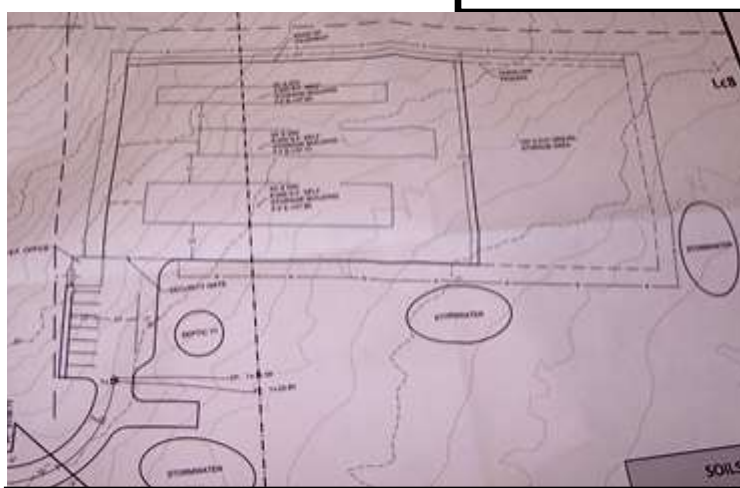


**New Lights at Town Hall**  
*Heather McIntire (on scaffolding) and Arthur Ashmore replace one of the fixtures in the meeting room at the Lamoine Town Hall as part of an Efficiency Maine lighting upgrade grant.*

## Large Scale Self-Storage Complex Proposed off Douglas Highway

(Lamoine) - Much of Lamoine's business community is well hidden from the casual road observer, and the latest commercial building proposal plans to follow that trend. A company named Transglobal Rooster LLC has submitted applications for site plan review and large commercial building construction to be located on land at approximately 706 Douglas Highway. The land is owned by Gerald Nasberg, and the buildings would contain self-storage units.

The Planning Board received the initial pre-application documents at their March 6, 2019 meeting, and subsequent submissions went under completeness



*One of the many plans drawn up for a self-storage complex proposed for property off Douglas Hwy.*

review at the first meeting in April. Once the Planning Board finds the applications complete, a public hearing will be scheduled prior to action on final approval.

Engineer Jason Vafiades of Bangor submitted the plans on behalf of Mr. Nasberg. The three proposed storage buildings range in width from 20 to 40 feet wide and would be 200-feet in length apiece. The initial plan showed the complex would be located approximately 700-feet off Route 184 (Douglas Highway) and served by underground utilities. In

addition to the storage building, a small office building is also proposed.

The proposal is by far the largest commercial building footprint ever to be proposed before the Planning Board. The permit fees exceeded \$4,400.

In addition to the local permits, the project will also require some state permits in regard to storm water management and wetland alterations.

The Planning Board found both the site plan review and commercial building applications complete, pending approval of an acceptable fire infrastructure plan. Several residents have already offered opinions regarding the proposal. Some have prematurely suggested various conditions for approval for the project. The Planning Board will hold a public hearing on both the Site Plan Review Application and the Commercial Building Application on Monday, May 6, 2019 at 6:30 PM at the Town Hall. Notices will be sent to abutting landowners by certified mail.

The self storage business is not a first for Lamoine. A much smaller self storage business operates on the Jordan River Road, having received approval several years ago from planners.



## Voters Approve Land Use Ordinance Changes

(Lamoine) - With a huge area demand for affordable housing, voters in Lamoine have approved a significant ordinance change that will allow cluster housing in town. The ordinance change passed unanimously at the annual town meeting on March 20, 2019.

The old cluster housing section required that any cluster development hook into the municipal water supply and sewage treatment plant. There's just one problem with that—neither facility actually exists. The new ordinance language requires a common water supply and a common septage disposal system.

A developer had contacted the town in 2018 and said investors were interested in establishing a cluster housing complex, but the ordinance would not allow it. The town has been in contact with the developer following the ordinance change, and awaits an application.

The other ordinance change removes three words from the footnotes of allowable land uses. A petition requested the change, and the question passed, though less than unanimously. The footnote regarding gravel operations in the Rural and Agricultural Zone allowed for consideration if a site plan review permit had been granted or applied for prior to a certain date. The petitioned change removed the words “or applied for” from the language. That would mean that if a site plan review permit for a gravel operation was not granted, it would not be possible to locate a gravel mining operation in the rural and Agricultural Zone.

At least two contractors had previously applied for site plan review permits for gravel mining in the largest zone in town, but those permits were turned down years ago. One remains pending in court (see page 4). Enough registered voters signed the petitions which were turned in to the Town Clerk. That required the Board of Selectmen to add the article to the annual town meeting warrant in March.

## Court Overturns Gravel Pit Expansion

*Decision issued in early April*

(Lamoine) - A judge in Maine's Business and Consumer Court has ruled that a Planning Board decision denying a Site Plan Review permit to expand a gravel mining operation should stand. The ruling from judge Michael Duddy was released on April 4, 2019.

In the 22 page decision, the judge talked extensively about the proposed removal of Cousins' Hill by Harold MacQuinn, Inc. While the Planning Board did not heavily identify the shift in the geography in its denial, that issue appears to be the reason for the court overturning an Appeals Board ordered approval of the Site Plan Review Ordinance.

The court's order reviewed the history of the application process which began in 2012. MacQuinn applied to expand its existing Kittridge Pit to approximately 110-acres. The Planning Board, at the time, denied the gravel and site plan review permits. MacQuinn took the case to court, claiming conflict of interest and bias by some members of the

Planning Board. The town settled with MacQuinn and agreed to a “do over” under the ordinance in effect in 2012.

The Planning Board again denied the Gravel and Site Plan Review Permits, and MacQuinn appealed both denials to the town's Board of Appeals.

In the late spring of 2018, the Board of Appeals found that the provisions of both ordinances had been met and ordered the Planning Board to grant both permits to MacQuinn. A citizens group, *Friends of Lamoine* appealed the Site Plan Review permit issuance to the court system.

It is believed that the Board of Appeals will be required to meet to carry out the orders of the Business and Consumer Court. The ruling came just hours before a regularly planned meeting of the Board of Selectmen. At press time no schedule had been determined on when the Board of Appeals would meet to consider the decision.

## Planning Board News

(Lamoine) - There's a change in personnel for an alternate Planning Board member's seat. Long time alternate member David Legere tendered his resignation over the winter. Selectmen appointed boat builder Stewart Workman as the alternate in his slot. That appointment runs out at the end of June. Legere cited a heavy work commitment as the reason for stepping down.

The Planning Board continues to work on developing a state compliant Shoreland Zoning Ordinance. Chair John Holt says there will be a special meeting on May 20th solely to work on the ordinance.

## Slow Winter for Building Permits

(Lamoine) - Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright enjoyed a bit of a break from processing permit applications during the first quarter of the year. Only one building/Shoreland permit was issued—that for a small greenhouse.

Albright issued 8 plumbing permits during the quarter. Three were for septic systems, and 5 were for internal plumbing installations.



*A gouge in the sheetrock caused by one of the bullets (slug inset)*

## Bullets Damage Town Hall, Store

(Lamoine) - The Hancock County Sheriff's Department and Maine Warden Service are investigating an incident during the Martin Luther King Jr. holiday weekend. Town staff discovered debris on the floor on January 21st while shoveling out the building from a snowstorm the day before. That debris appeared to be chip board and sheetrock dust, and it was on the meeting room floor near the town clerk's office. The swept up the mess but wondered where the debris came from.

The next day the town office reopened, and Code Enforcement Officer Rebecca Albright and Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs saw the gouge (see picture above) under the counter by the customer service window. That explained the source of the debris, but not what caused it. Later in the day, Administrative Assistant Stu Marckoon spotted plastic debris in the Cable TV room, but still with no explanation of why. Finally, Marckoon

observed a hole in the entrance door and it looked like a bullet hole. He contacted the Sheriff's Department which sent a deputy that evening to take pictures.

The next day, a customer observed two more bullet holes in the front of the building. The town contacted the Sheriff's Office again, and a team of investigators pulled a slug from the wall in the CTV room. A couple days later investigators from the Maine Warden Service took trajectory measurements to try to determine where the shots originated. Meanwhile, next door at the Lamoine Marketplace, workers discovered that building had also sustained damage from gunshots. At least five bullets hit that building, damaging the entrance door and a vending machine in front of the building. One of the slugs ended up in a box of breakfast cereal.

A couple of weeks later, CEO

Albright was sweeping the floor in her office in the rear of the town office and swept up the slug that most likely went through the front door of the building. That slug was taken to the Sheriff's Department to be added to the evidence.

So far, no one has been charged with the damage to the buildings. Facilities Maintenance director Rick Gallegos is working to repair the damage which he estimates will be about \$500 worth of labor and materials. That's below the town's insurance deductible. In addition the service counter, the town hall sustained damage to a window casing, a wall, the meeting room floor and a set of blinds in the CTV room, and the main entrance door. The best town officials can narrow down the time frame is sometime between 4PM on January 19 and 7:30 AM on January 21st. During most of that time a significant storm was dropping a foot of snow in town.

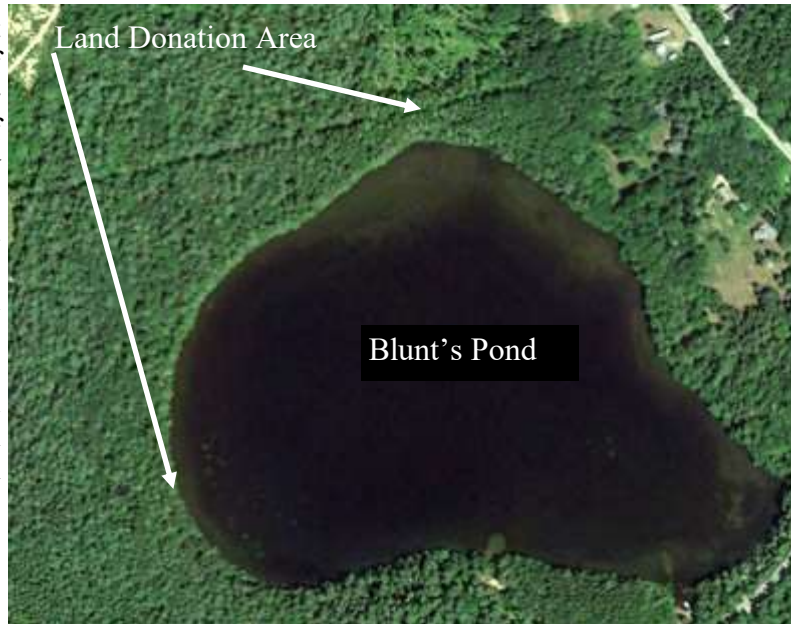


## Sisters Propose Huge Land Donation

(Lamoine) - Property that has belonged to members of the Whitcomb family for decades may become part of the town's property bordering Blunt's Pond. Judith Whitcomb and Katherine Dudzinski have worked with Frenchman Bay Conservancy with plans to donate about 41.5 acres to the town. Selectmen received notification from the Conservancy on Election Day, March 19th.

The sisters have owned the property since 1990 when their father, the late Dr. Benjamin Whitcomb, deeded a portion of the large parcel around the pond to them. Dr. Whitcomb also gave the lot that the town leases to the Frenchman Bay Riders Snowmobile club to the town. The proposed donation borders the snowmobile club lot.

Selectmen were slated to meet with a representative of the Conservancy in early April to figure out what is needed to



*This view from Google Earth shows a rough approximate area north and west of Blunt's Pond proposed to become town property.*

proceed and to get details of the offer. Initial concern was expressed about how much valuation would be taken off the tax records of Lamoine should this become public land. Approval from the town meeting would be needed before any land donation is accepted.

## Pulver Named Citizen of the Year

(Lamoine) - Current School Committee Member Bob Pulver had a pretty darn good birthday. The party was the annual town meeting on March 20th. Pulver received the Lamoine Citizen of the Year award from the Board of Selectmen.

Bob, who is a retired educator and school administrator, was one of the original members of Lamoine's Conservation Commission. He has served on the Lamoine School Committee ever since the town withdrew from RSU 24 and formed its own school department. He has volunteered for numerous other committees since moving to town with his wife Georgianna (herself a committee volunteer) in 2003.

The plan was to present the plaque and resolve to Bob just before town meeting was to start. Moderator Harvey Kelley waited about as long as he could, and just as he was ready to call the first article, the Pulvers showed up and Bob was surprised to receive the award. He told the Selectmen afterward he was not expecting the honor, which fell on his birthday.

## Committee Studies Community Center



*The Community Center Feasibility Study Committee started meeting in late February. Pictured are (l-r) Brett Jones, Paul Howaniec (chair), Griff Fenton, Iris Simon, Larissa Thomas, Ginger Madore, and Secretary Allison Howaniec. Committee member Bob Pulver was not able to attend the 2nd meeting.*

(Lamoine) - One of the recommendations from Lamoine's Comprehensive Planning Committee was a community center. It was the most identified public desire during the planning process, but there was no real definition of what it is the community actually desires. Prior to final adoption of the Comp Plan (see related article), the Board of Selectmen opted to hear more from the community to get an idea of what might be involved.

A special meeting in January attracted a lot of diverse and interested parties, many of whom were appointed to the feasibility study committee, pictured above. The ideas were numerous and the conversation flowed freely.

Following the meeting, the Board of Selectmen narrowed its initial focus for the appointed committee which will try to determine just what the community has in mind, and how much support there might be for some sort of facility.

The School Committee members present at the initial meeting stressed working together with the committee to

integrate school space needs into whatever plan may emerge.

The first couple of meetings of the committee focused on what information to gather. The committee has an inventory of municipally owned property and structures that exist. There is also a list of some municipally connected activities that take place in what facilities the town has available.

In addition to the current inventory and need, another area for study is how other towns with community centers utilize and manage their facilities.

The committee has drafted a questionnaire that will go out to identified organizations that conceivably would have space needs in town. That will likely go out via e-mail in April and May.

Following receipts of answers, the committee will likely develop a more community wide questionnaire that will ask townspeople what they feel would be important or not in a facility. The committee stresses this is just the very beginning of a likely lengthy process.



*Citizen of the Year—Bob Pulver*

## Voters Approve Comprehensive Plan

(Lamoine) - It almost seemed anti-climatic as Lamoine's town meeting voters unanimously raised their hands to pass the new Comprehensive Plan. The committee that came up with the plan worked hard over 4-plus years to get it together. Chairman Fred Stocking gave an impassioned overview of the 135 page document, touching on the highlights contained in the new plan which will replace the previous version approved in 1996.

Approval, though, doesn't necessarily mean approval. The plan now goes to the State of Maine for its stamp of approval. Stocking sent off a large box of documents to the state right after the town meeting was over. It's not clear when an answer will come back from Augusta. If there are changes needed to meet the state required template, the plan will have to be revised and sent back to town meeting for final approval.

Once the plan is in place, it calls for a committee to monitor implementation of the plan to be appointed at least every two years. Many of the suggested policies are in place.



## Town Office Equipment Upgrades

(Lamoine) - It doesn't take a whole lot to get the town office staff excited. When a new box of office supplies arrives some days, it's almost as good as Christmas! That being said, it was a nice first quarter at the old building.

After some dis-comfort issues, the town contacted its insurance carrier who sent a representative to conduct an ergonomic study to see how to improve things. The big recommendation: a new chair.

Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs said it made a big difference. New floor mats have replaced the more than 25-year old mats at the various desk areas. And a new computer is in the clerk/tax collector's

office, replacing an approximately 8-year old machine that never really liked the conversion to Windows 10. The new computer is much more reliable and a lot faster, and was budgeted for this fiscal year.

Up next may be a "new" photocopier to replace the 10-year old unit which has consistently been jamming for the past couple of months. The current copier was a 5-year old refurbished machine unit provided for free. The company that provided it frequently gets leased machines turned in, and Selectmen have asked what might be available for a reasonable price. They await word as of press time.

## Foreclosed Property Presents Challenges

(Lamoine) - Property tax liens filed in July 2017 automatically foreclosed to the town in late January 2019, and when the date had passed, the town found itself in possession of four pieces of land, two of them occupied homes. That is the highest number of automatic foreclosures for the town in decades.

The town meeting authorizes the Board of Selectmen to dispose of tax acquired property by first offering the parcels back to the previous owner for payment of all back taxes, fees and interest. If the previous owner declines to "buy back" the property, it can go up for public auction. While the process seems pretty straight-forward, the reality is that it presents many challenges.

One occupied property previously belonged to a gentleman who had passed away without paying the back taxes. So far as the town can determine his estate had no cash assets, and only one heir who had made some payments on the lien, but was unable to raise enough money to pay off the balance. The Board of Selectmen is sensitive to trying to keep people in their homes if at all possible. They agreed to abate the tax on the deceased owner and sign an agreement with his heir that she will pay the subsequent lien and current year taxes over the next few months to avoid future foreclosure. The Selectmen issued a quitclaim deed following that agreement (the amount due was around \$200).

The other occupied property involves a homeowner who has been making payments for the back taxes and has indicated that they wished to retain ownership through an installment

agreement. The homeowner, though, is often out of town for long periods of time, and has yet to finalize such an agreement in writing and has been in contact only intermittently. The Selectmen hope that situation is resolved soon.

Two land-only parcels are also in town ownership as of April 1, 2019. Both are in the Bar Harbor Highlands area of town (near Lamoine Beach). One parcel is literally swamp-land and the Selectmen opted to advertise it to abutting property owners as there likely was little other interest, with bids due in early April. The previous owner(s) were deceased and their estates did not respond to letters offering them the property back. Presuming the Selectmen accept a bid, a town meeting will have to finalize the conveyance, presumably when the school budget is considered in May.

The other land parcel was previously owned by a couple who divorced since purchasing the lot. Though there was a phone call from one of the previous owners indicating interest, there was no response after a letter from the Selectmen was mailed to both parties. After the automatic foreclosure date, the Department of Health and Human Services attached the property in a child support matter. The town has written to DHHS requesting guidance on the land with any reply thus far. For now, the property remains municipally owned.

Selectmen are also discussing what to do with another tax acquired parcel from 2018 after an installment agreement was filed, but the previous owner who occupies the house has failed to pay in full prior to April 1, 2019.

## Town Doesn't Intend to use Drones

(Lamoine) - A question at the candidates night asked whether drone use is being contemplated for code compliance. The Selectmen, at their meeting following the election, emphasized there are no plans to use drones for any municipal code enforcement matters in town. The town does not own a drone and there are no plans to purchase one in the foreseeable future. Operation of drones above 400-foot altitude is forbidden by federal regulation because of the town's proximity to the Hancock County Regional Airport.

## State Says Town OK on GA

(Lamoine) - Lamoine's General Assistance program is seldom used, but it is in compliance with state regulations. An Auditor from the Department of Health and Human Services inspected the posting requirements and the few cases the town had processed during 2018/19 and found the assistance program in compliance with the rules.

The town is required to provide assistance by state law and administers it by local ordinance. DHHS audits the operations approximately every three years in smaller communities.

## Familiar Transfer Station Manager To Return

(Lamoine) - Transfer Station manager Chris Meyer plans to return to his post as of April. Meyer was off for most of the winter to attend to health matters and reports he's feeling up to the job.

Selectmen expressed their gratitude to Brandon Robitaille who filled in during an extremely challenging winter at the facility. Snow storms twice left him stranded at home briefly, and he was greeted with lines at the gate when he arrived a few minutes after the planned opening time. One resident who entered the un-sanded facility prior to the attendant's arrival expressed displeasure when questioned why they were in the facility. Brandon agreed to come in a few minutes before the advertised opening each week to make sure the gate is opened on time.

In addition, the heavy, wet snow often froze before buildings could be shoveled out, and on numerous dates, the floor in the swap shop and bottle building was glare ice, causing some dangerous conditions. The swap shop sustained minor structural damage when snow got pushed against the right rear portion of the building and snapped a wall stud. That will be repaired in the spring.



*A crew from Harold Huebner's Tree Service took down a huge but dead pine tree at the East Lamoine Cemetery in January, removing a threat that the tree would fall and injure someone or damage graves at the cemetery.*

## Unlicensed Dog Reminders

(Lamoine) - Town Clerk Jennifer Kovacs will be mailing reminders to dog owners who have yet to license their animals for 2019. The licenses ran out December 31, 2018, but there is a one month grace period that ended January 31. State law requires that a late fee be charged after that date of \$25.00.

To receive a registration, proof of rabies vaccination must be provided at the time of registration. On-line registration is NOT available after the grace period. Failure to register a dog can result in a summons and a fine. The state also sends notices to the town office of all dogs that receive rabies shots.



## Fire Department Calls Numerous

(Lamoine) - The first three months of 2019 saw the Lamoine Volunteer Fire Department respond to 27 calls for assistance. Several of the calls were for serious structural fires—all of them in mutual aid communities.

Of the ten mutual aid responses, six were to Ellsworth, the most serious being a 4-unit apartment house on Oak Street (see picture). Station coverage was also provided during fires in Orland, Eastbrook and two in Sullivan.

There were seven calls during the first three months of the year for trees down over wires and wires in the road. There is nothing the fire department can do for wires down other than to place cones or barriers to warn oncoming traffic about the hazard.

The department assisted Northern Light Transport (ambulance) with a trio of calls for lift assists, and one very serious call to set up a landing zone for the Life Flight Helicopter. The victim in that case survived a fall from his roof while repairing damage from a snow and wind storm. Firefighters drove the victim's wife to meet him at a Bangor hospital as



*Lamoine firefighters were among the 13-departments that responded to the scene of a multi-unit apartment house in Ellsworth in late March. No one was injured, but the building is a total loss. (Photo Courtesy of Star 97.7 Radio)*

well. A call in late March to a Dorothy's Way home mystified the home owner who had not called. A neighbor reported hearing a fire alarm and believed it was coming from the house. It turned out the neighbor had just replaced all the smoke detectors in their own house and had thrown the old alarms into a trash can located outside of their home. The alarms turned out to be the ones going off. There was no emergency.

## Accident Claims Needles Eye Road Man

(Hancock) - Rarely a week went by that the town office would not get at least one phone call about Lamoine resident Terry Bragdon walking in the middle of the road. The Needles Eye Road resident had done it for years. Deputies and State Troopers would warn him it was very dangerous to do so, and his habit led directly to his death in January on a dark and slippery night.

Bragdon, who was 67 years old, was walking in the middle of Mud Creek Road after dark when a driver cresting a hill did not see him in time to stop. State Police

say Mr. Bragdon died on impact

Well known in town for hauling items from the transfer station swap shop to his home, neighbors would look after him, especially during cold weather as his mobile home was in less than ideal condition. A small group gathered at the Lamoine Baptist Church in January for a memorial service. Relatives are considering their options for his home and property.

## MDOT Asks Town to Consider Help with State Roads

(Lamoine) - The topic of frequent conversation around Lamoine during the winter of 2018/19 was how bad the state highways in Lamoine were. The pavement peeled up in a number of places, heavy trucks pounded Route 184 and Route 204, and scores of potholes opened up, some catching drivers unaware. The frequent wet snow followed by a quick freeze created some frost heaves that one would have to buy extra tickets for a ride like that at the Blue Hill Fair.

An engineer from the Maine Department of Transportation contacted the town after State Representative Brian Hubbell fielded a number of complaints. Engineer John Devin suggested participation in the MDOT Municipal Partnership Initiative program. He said both state roads are considered the lowest priority in the highway system by MDOT and will never be rebuilt without help from Lamoine taxpayers because the state simply does not have the budget to do so. Under the state program, the town would have to hire an engineer to design improvements to the roads and oversee any projects. The State of Maine would match funds up to \$500,000 to repair the roads.

Selectmen met with Devin in early April, but made no commitment to the program. The MDOT plans to do significant ditching and culvert replacement during the summer of 2019 and repave both roads with a thin pavement layer in 2020.



*A crew from the Maine Department of Transportation tosses patching material into a pot hole that opened up in front of the Lamoine Town Office during January.*



## Lamoine's Little Children

By Cynthia Donaldson  
The Lamoine's Little Children Committee

was formed in February 2014 and since then we've worked in many ways to support little children and their families in our town. We've sponsored a play group, installed a play panel at the town hall, worked on refurbishing the school library and continue to provide children's books for families with little children moving into Lamoine.

Right now, we are working on participating in Lamoine's celebration of its 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. With our focus on very

young children and their families as a guiding principle, we are planning to install a nautically themed play structure in the picnic table area at Lamoine Beach. Our plan is to raise \$10,000 to complete the project. We hope to celebrate with a June 2020 installation of a structure which is geared to encouraging safe, imaginative play and embracing families as they visit the beach.

We meet on the second Wednesday of each month at 4:00 in the Lamoine School library. We welcome visitors and are always open to expanding our membership. For more information please contact Cynthia Donaldson at 667-2382 or [cgdonaldson@myfairpoint.net](mailto:cgdonaldson@myfairpoint.net).



## 14th Annual Flat Top 5K in the Books

(Lamoine) - The huge snowbanks had disappeared, but the warmth of spring had yet to arrive as nearly 190 runners set off on the 5-kilometer course on Lamoine Beach and Shore Roads for the annual Flat Top 5K Road Race. Traditionally, this is the “unofficial” start of the road racing season in Downeast Maine. No records were set this year, but there were some new names atop the leaders list. As noted to your right, Richard Sukiennik of Bangor won the overall race. The top female finisher



*The first female across the line was 11 year old Teanne Ewings in 18:50*

*First place overall went to Richard Sukiennik of Bangor who finished the course in 16:39*

was 11-year old Teanne Ewings of Houlton. The first Lamoine resident was Buster Brown who finished 5th overall with a time of 19:03. The first female from Lamoine was 13 year old Betta Cahn in 28:13. Her little sister Elsa won the female one-mile run.

The race is run in the memory of former Lamoine Harbor Master Bill Pinkham who was an avid runner with his

distinctive white flat-top haircut. Pinkham died suddenly in 2005 in Bangor after completing a road race there. The 2020 version of the race will mark the 15th anniversary of the FT5K, and organizers Robin Emery and Tom Kirby hope it will be a special event.

A 4-mile run is planned on September 28th to kick off the town’s 150th birthday celebration.

*Did you know....*

## Lamoine Once Planned a Country Club?

*By Gordon Donaldson & Gary McFarland*

(Lamoine) - Well, we don’t have a country club today, but *once we did!* In 1932, a group of enterprising Lamoiners launched an effort to build a nine-hole golf course and tennis courts on the site of the disbanded U. S. Navy Coaling Station – better known now as Lamoine State Park. The June 29, 1932 *Ellsworth American* announced that “J. Sherman Douglas, all-round Lamoine booster” had spearheaded an effort that “has resulted in the incorporation of the Lamoine Country Club”. They hoped to have the property ready for tee-time and tennis matches by August.

The Country Club had backing from many town leaders from both the year-round population and the summer community. Its officers included Douglas (who was a town leader and then legislator), L. H. DesIsles, Charles E. Alexander, and Dr. D. B. Young. The Board of Directors counted Philip S. Dean “of New York, a summer resident of Marlboro”, as President and year-rounders L. R. Maxwell, R. W. Hamor, L. L. Brown, George E. McDonald and George L. McLellan.

It’s not clear whether the Country Club ever thrived (or even if it opened). Few people now even recall it from stories of the old days (and several Lamoiners today are related to the men named above.) But it was emblematic of a time when Lamoine was a popular summer destination. After a round of golf or a set of tennis, Clubbers might have dropped by the nearby Shore Acres hotel for a meal. If it happened to be a Monday evening, that’s when Shore Acres was “open for dancing...to the music of Leo Relsman, Jack Denny, Victor Arden, Coon Sanders, and Ruby Newman...by means of electrical transcription”.

At a time when the Depression was in full swing, a lot was happening in Hancock County. Within the month following the Country Club announcement, the “new Bucksport Verona Bridge” opened, the “new Criterion Theatre in Bar Harbor” opened, and “the new airfield on the cement road in Trenton began to look the part when an airplane landed, and was engaged in the afternoon in taking up passengers for short flights”. (*Ellsworth American*)

## 150th Anniversary Logo Contest

*By Cynthia Donaldson*

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine 150! Committee invites you to create a logo for the town’s 150<sup>th</sup> birthday. They’re looking for catchy designs that celebrate and capture the town’s rich and colorful 150-year history. The winning design will symbolize our

celebration on tee shirts, coffee mugs, and much more over the coming year.

So Please Enter Your Logo !! For more information, go to [lamoine150@gmail.com](mailto:lamoine150@gmail.com).

**Deadline is MAY 2, 2019 AT 5 P.M.**

## Boundary, Mobile Vendor Request Challenge Parks Commissioners

(Lamoine) - An early spring snow storm postponed the Lamoine Parks Commission meeting while a couple of significant issues face the panel.

A neighboring property owner to Lamoine Beach has asked the commission to erect a sign showing the beach boundary after having numerous issues with trespassers during the past year. The property owner between the town run park and the requesting property owner has asked the town not to put up a such a sign. The Parks Commission had recommended a demarcation sign to the Selectmen in January.

The town has also received a request from a Hancock resident to be able to sell ice cream from a mobile vending cart at Lamoine Beach in the summer. The town has no regulations regarding such activity. The Parks Commission rescheduled its meeting to April 22, 2019.



**Half Marathon**  
*Judson Cake was the winner of the Lamoine Half Marathon which started at Lamoine Beach in early March. Cake is a past winner of the Flat Top 5K and is a police officer in Bar Harbor and Mt. Desert.*

## Tech Committee Studies Wiring, Picture

(Lamoine) - Voters at the annual town meeting approved starting a fund with \$5,000 to stimulate wiring areas without high speed internet service. Numerous communities have started wiring unserved areas, some obtaining state grants to do so. Lamoine attempted to secure such a grant, but there were too few homes in the proposed area (Woodcock Lane) that it was not cost effective for the ConnectME program.

The Technology Committee is also looking at possible changes to the equipment at the town office to improve the quality of the TV picture for the various meetings held there. The current equipment is now 15-years old, and the picture quality is not on par with the high definition signal that cable TV viewers are used to. The town has contacted a company that specializes in video installations to propose an upgrade to the town hall system and awaits an estimate.



## College Scholarships Available

(Lamoine) - College students from Lamoine are invited to apply for the Allan and Leurene Hodgkins scholarship funds. The Board of Selectmen will accept applications through June 1, 2019. The Maine Community Foundation administers the funds, and reports about \$23,000 is available in scholarships this year. The link to the application for the scholarship is on the town's webpage ([www.lamoine-me.gov](http://www.lamoine-me.gov)).

## Winter Sports Season Shows Success



*Congratulations to our Lady Lion Rec Cheerleaders who won 1st place in the doll division at the Maine State Cheering Competition in March!*



*The LCS boys and girls basketball teams represented our school well this season, and both teams walked away with the Sportsmanship awards! Our girls team played their hearts out at the championship game against Ella Lewis on Tuesday. They may have ended with fewer points than the Eagles, but they are winners in our eyes!*



## Skills USA Showcased Lamoine



*By Dawn McPhail, Principal*  
Skills USA is a competition in which high school students attending a technical school can showcase their skills and perhaps advance to compete nationally in their field of study. The middle school component of this event was expanded again this year to include a number of new competitions. Fifteen middle school students from LCS chose to take on the challenge! They spent lunch and recess time, as well as February vacation to work on their projects and competed against other middle school students on March 7th. Every single one of our students earned a medal in their events.

### Skills USA 2019 Results

**Job Interview**  
Betta Cahn - Gold  
**State T-Shirt Design**  
Tori Pimentel - Bronze  
**Promotional Bulletin Board**  
Aiden Young, Izzy Evans, & Ella Montgomery - Gold  
**CO2 Dragster**  
Mason Reed - Gold  
Zachary Rizzo - Silver  
Bayley Baldrige - Bronze  
**Job Skill Demonstration**  
Violet Davis - Silver  
**Team Engineering Challenge**  
Paige Johnson, Emily Veith, & Gavin McPhail - Silver  
Cayla Swanberg, Charlie Dalton, & Julianna Lee - Gold



Congratulations to our small but mighty Jazz Band for earning a Bronze award with a score of 85 at this year's regional Jazz Festival on Wednesday, March 14th!



## New Stage For School

LCS has a brand new 16x24 stage! This stage is lighter, stronger, easier to handle and faster to set up. This system also comes with two handy rolling carts to help with moving the parts from storage to set up. The surface provides additional traction for our students, allowing them to perform to the best of their abilities. This stage is going to help boost our performing arts into new realms of possibilities!

## Community Arts News

*By Kathy McGlinchey*

(Lamoine) - Lamoine Community Arts has enjoyed a busy winter, and looks forward to a productive spring. We started the New Year with the "retirement" of our beloved Artistic Director, Carol Korty. Although Carol is stepping back from some of her traditional responsibilities with LCA, she continues to be an active member of the group and will continue to provide friendship, support and mentoring to the Board of Directors as well as to the membership of LCA.

And speaking of membership, we want YOU. Please consider joining our group if you are interested in theater, dance, music or visual arts. The more folks that participate, the more we can expand our offerings to the community.

Expanding our offerings to the community has been a focus of LCA over the last year. As is our tradition, we held "just for fun" readings in members' homes during the winter months. In March, a reading of selections from Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" was successfully performed at the Grange, directed by Wynne Guglielmo as a 'black box' presentation. Also in March, spring was welcomed with another of our popular "Open Mic Nights" with 32 enthusiastic folks in attendance. Look for our next Open Mic in June, 2019.

Coming in May, we will again be presenting our annual "Readers' Theater". This year we will be offering "Same Time, Next Year", written by Bernard Slade and directed by Merle Bragdon, assisted by Svetlana Malinina. Performances will be at the Lamoine-Bayside Grange on Friday, May 31 and Saturday June 1, both nights at 7:00. Please note that this production may not be suitable for children under the age of 13 due to strong language and adult themes.

## Arts Scholarship

*By Anne Labossiere*

(Lamoine) - The Lamoine Community Arts Scholarship Committee is seeks applicants for its partial scholarships to arts programs for students in

grades K-12. To be eligible for one of these partial scholarships, a student must live in Lamoine, attend the Lamoine Consolidated School, or have a parent who works in Lamoine or is a member of Lamoine Community Arts.

LCA will consider programs or lessons related to all arts including music, art, dance, theater, visual arts, fiber arts, robotics, culinary art, wood working, spinning, boat building, photography, basket making. If the "art" of interest is not listed, please contact the chair of the committee, Anne LaBossiere. At 667-6765 or [alabossier@aol.com](mailto:alabossier@aol.com).

To obtain an application, pick one up from Betty Eaton at the Lamoine Consolidated School or contact Anne LaBossiere.

# April 2019-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1-7PM Planning Board	2	3-8AM Board of Assessors	4-7PM Board of Selectmen	5-7PM Joint Municipal Shellfish Board	6-Town Hall Open 8am-Noon
7	8-6PM Parks Commission	9-6:30 PM School Committee	10-7PM Conservation Commission	11*-3:30 PM Lamoine 150!	12-8AM Board of Assessors 5:15 PM Technology Cmte.	13
14	15-Town Office Closed (Patriot's Day) 6:30PM Community Center Study Cmte	16	17-7PM Shellfish Conservation Cmte (Selectmen sign warrant 22)	18*	19	20
21	22	23	24	25-7PM Board of Selectmen	26	27-Town Hall Open 8am-Noon
28	29	30	*Town Office closed at lunch due to training			

# May 2019-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Transfer Station Summer Hours begin May 3, 2019			1-8AM Board of Assessors	2	3	4-Town Hall Open 8am-Noon
5	6-6:30 PM Planning Board	7	8-7PM Conservation Commission	9-Kindergarten Screening 3:30 Lamoine 150! 7PM Board of Selectmen	10	11
12	13	14-6:30 PM School Committee	15	16	17	18
19	20-7PM Planning Board Workshop	21	22	23-7PM Board of Selectmen	24	25-Town Hall Open 8am-Noon
26	27-Memorial Day Ceremony 10 AM (Town Office Closed)	28	29	30	31	

# June 2019-Lamoine Schedule

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1-Town Hall Open 8am-Noon
2	3-7PM Planning Board	4	5-8AM Board of Assessors	6-6PM Hodgkins Scholarship Cmte Followed by Board of Selectmen	7	8
9	10	11-(tentative) 8am-8pm school budget validation vote	12-7PM Conservation Commission	13	14	15-Noon—150 Logo Reveal
16	17	18	19	20-7PM Board of Selectmen	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29-Town Hall Open 8am-Noon
30-Fiscal Year Ends						

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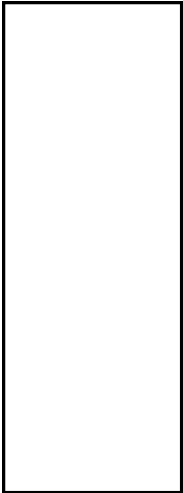
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